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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATIONS AND RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES MADE AVAILABLE BY THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WOOD HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS WHEN DUE, PROVIDING FOR DISCONNECTION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND A RECONNECTION CHARGE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF WOOD HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed and this ordinance replaces it.

A. "BOD" (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20 degrees C, expressed in milligrams per liter (mg/l).

B. "Normal domestic wastewater" shall mean wastewater that has a BOD concentration of not more than 300 mg/l and a suspended solids concentration of not more than 300 mg/l.

C. "Operation and Maintenance" shall mean all expenditures during the useful life of the treatment works for materials managing and maintaining the sewage works to achieve the capacity and performance for which such works are designed and constructed.

D. "Replacement" shall mean expenditures for obtaining and installing equipment, accessories, or appurtenances which are necessary during the useful life of the treatment works to maintain the capacity and performance for which such works were designed and constructed. The term "operation and maintenance" includes replacement.

E. "Residential Contributor" shall mean any contributor to the City's treatment works whose lot, parcel of real estate, or building is used for domestic dwelling purposes only.

F. "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.

SECTION 2. The monthly rates required and which shall be charged and collected by the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, for sewerage services furnished by the sewerage system of said City of Wood Heights, Missouri, shall be as follows:

A. A minimum monthly base charge of \$9.35/month/user for the first 1,000 gallons; with a charge of \$3.50/1000 gallons of metered water used each month for all usage over the first 1,000 gallons.

B. A direct charge to any discharger of Toxic Substances which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or the sludge of the treatment works. This charge shall be determined by the treatment plant operator and approved by the Board of Alderman.

SECTION 3. The monthly rate, wastewater treatment charge, and toxic substances charges shall be computed by the following methods:

A. Monthly rates shall be determined by general costs of sewer users, costs of general maintenance, costs of general repairs, costs of general operating expenses which shall include costs of sewage treatment operator.

SECTION 4: There shall be established a Depreciation and Replacement Fund which shall accrue by means of transfers of sums not less than \$200.00 per month from the Monthly rates collected. Funds deposited into the Depreciation and Replacement Fund can only be used for replacement or emergency repair needs of the sewerage system. These funds shall be used solely for operation and maintenance expenses for the wastewater treatment and collection system.

SECTION 5: The governing body of the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, hereby binds and determines that the rates, fees, and charges for the use and services of the sewerage system of the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, necessary and adequate at this time.

SECTION 6: Bills for sewerage service shall be mailed to each user monthly.

SECTION 7: All bills for sewerage service are due upon receipt. If any bill for sewerage service shall be and remain unpaid for as long as thirty (30) days, water and sewerage service to such customer shall be discontinued and shall not be reconnected until all past due bills are paid in full, together with a reconnection charge of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 8: Application for sewerage services shall be made to the Clerk or other persons designated by the Board of Alderman by the owner or occupant of the property to be served; and upon the approval of such application, such applicant shall have the right to connect with City of Wood Heights, Missouri, sewerage; all costs of such connection to be borne by the applicant. ~~The Board of Alderman may hereafter prescribe a connection charge to be paid by~~
any such applicant at the time of his/her application.

SECTION 9: The occupant and user of the premises receiving sewerage service and the owner of said premises shall be jointly and severally liable to pay for such services rendered on said premises. The City of Wood Heights, Missouri, shall have power to sue the occupant or the owner, or both, of such real estate in a civil action to receive any sums due for such services, plus a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

SECTION 10: It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to tamper with any sewer line or to make any connection to the sewerage system for the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, without written permission from the Clerk, or to reconnect service when service has been disconnected for non-payment of a bill for service until such bill including the reconnection charge, has been paid in full. Upon conviction, there shall be imposed a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 11: The user of each premise receiving sewer service from the sewerage system shall be held responsible for the proper use thereof. Plumbing facilities that are to be connected to the sewerage system shall be installed in accordance with the National Plumbing Code and shall be inspected for compliance with said Code by a designated representative of the City of Wood Heights, Missouri before any such connection is made. No grease, petroleum products, whey, paints, acids, chemicals, metals, animal wastes, or other materials detrimental to the sanitary sewerage treatment process shall be discharged into the sanitary sewer.

SECTION 12:
Any and all businesses which are connected to the sewerage system shall be installed in accordance with the National Plumbing Code and shall be inspected for compliance with the said Code by a designated representative of the City of Wood Heights, Missouri before any such connection is made. All businesses shall meet the "HOD" requirements set by the Department of Natural Resources and the City of Wood Heights. No milk, food products, grease, petroleum products, whey, paints, acids, chemicals, metals, animal wastes, or other materials detrimental to the sanitary sewerage treatment process shall be discharged into the sanitary sewer by a business, unless a special permit has been issued by the Board of Alderman.

Cost of said special permit shall be ninety dollars (\$90.00). The governing body of the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, shall determine rates, fees, and charges for the use and services of the sewerage system of the City of Wood Heights, Missouri, for a said business at the time a permit is issued.

SECTION 13: The Mayor and the Board of Alderman shall review the sewer use charge rate annually and, if necessary, revise the charges.

SECTION 14: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 2nd, day of Sept, 1997.

Melvin Carmichael Jr
Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:

Joe Vassan
CITY CLERK